



Welcome Gene Allen to our Illinois Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame

Gene Allen moved to Illinois in 1986. He had been a successful Race Horse Trainer in Oklahoma, and continued training Race Horses throughout his life. Gene became the President of the Illinois Quarter Horse Racing in 2005. He was instrumental in promoting Racing Quarter Horses to Lobbying in the Legislature, working with the Department of Agriculture, and seeking support from AQHA to bring Quarter Horse Racing to the Para Mutual tracks in addition to the fair tracks. Gene became our Illinois Quarter Horse Association President in 2009 and continued through 2013. The Fairmont Park Track still holds the Gene Allen Memorial Race in his honor and this year's purse was \$25000.00!